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## Conservation Commission Minutes 01/17/2013

Arlington Conservation Commission  
Minutes  
January 17, 2013

Mr. Stevens called the meeting to order at 7:45 p.m. in the second floor conference room of the Town Hall Annex. Present were Nathaniel Stevens, David White, Charles Tirone, Eileen Coleman, Curt Connors, Chris Naylor, and Michelle Durocher of the Commission. Catherine Garnett, of the Commission, was not present. Also present was Bruce Whelittle.

7:45 pm – Commission Business:

The **Annual Report** was filed but there are two more edits to include. Ms. Beckwith will send those in.

Mr. Stevens reported that he attended a recent Spy Pond Committee meeting at which the **Waterbodies** Fund was discussed. The Spy Pond Committee decided to submit a warrant article asking for \$50K for the **Waterbodies** Account Warrant for FY'14. Monitoring is also part of the program. Mr. Chouinard, Town Engineer, reported (through Mr. Stevens) that the watershed assessment for the MS4 (stormwater) review cost approximately \$8-9K. The Commission discussed competitive bidding and variability in yearly costs. Mr. Stevens said that the Assistant DPW Director and Spy Pond Committee asked whether the water chestnuts can be composted at the Arlington Reservoir. The Commission decided that it is probably not a good idea due to smell, space limitations and possibility of spreading viable seeds. White/Tirone motioned to endorse the Warrant Article; motion passed unanimously.

Another **warrant article** is being submitted by Clarissa Rowe and ten citizens to better protect Town-owned shorefront property along Spy Pond. On one parcel under review at the end of Addison St, the property is currently managed by the Board of Selectman and the warrant article would transfer this property to the Conservation Commission for its management. The GIS department may be able to provide better property lines. Ms. Beckwith will investigate if there are any permits for the driveway in the Conservation files. The map under review by the board also showed a right-of-way easement. Tirone/White motioned to support a potential warrant article; motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Stevens is investigating whether the members of the Conservation Commission are **special municipal employees**. It appears that they are not. Connors/Naylor motioned to proceed with acquiring this status; motion passed with Mr. Tirone opposed.

### Coming events:

The annual meeting of the Massachusetts Association of Conservation Commission (MACC) is on March 2. This year's Ecofest on March 23 is focusing on open spaces and who takes care of these. Mr. Stevens will be away, but the Commission plans to have a table focusing on our Land Stewards program. The Congress of Lake and Pond Association (COLAP) is holding a winter workshop on Jan. 26, in Worcester.

The hole at **22 Mill Street** has been filled back in with waterproofing and the brick patio is back in place. We don't know if they also installed the drain under the sidewalk.

Meeting adjourned at 9:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Corinna Beckwith  
Commission Administrator

